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**SACRAMENTO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAVELING ACROSS STATE LINES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENGAGING IN SEX WITH NEVADA MINOR**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that MICHAEL STEPHEN DAHL, 49, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty today of one count of traveling in interstate commerce with the intent of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a minor. DAHL's guilty plea was entered this morning in Sacramento before Chief United States District Judge David F. Levi.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento office of the FBI.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel White, who is prosecuting the case, DAHL admitted to driving from Sacramento, California to Reno, Nevada in May of last year to rendezvous with a 14-year old girl he had met on a telephone chat service. He admitted his purpose in meeting the girl was to engage in sexual relations with her.

DAHL's sentencing is scheduled for July 14, 2005. He faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a \$100 statutory assessment and a possible life term of supervised release. Additionally, he will be required to make restitution to the victim minor and to register as a sex offender.

The written plea agreement in this case reveals DAHL was convicted in 2000, in the Southern District of Texas for similar conduct. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison for that offense.